

CLEVELAND BALL FANS LOYAL; THEY THROG TO SEE GAMES

Revival of Interest, Partly Because of Acquisition of Speaker Has Greatly Stimulated the Attendance at Games; Fans at First Four Games Equalled One Third Last Year's Total; Deserves Pennant.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Cleveland fans are performing a baseball comeback. The attendance for the first four games of 1916 equalled one-third of the total attendance at the 77 games in 1915—a truly amazing record.

The "Buckeye" fans had grown a bit tired of the Rogers regime. They became utterly disgusted when Joe Jackson was sold in 1915. But the coming of new owners, with the promise that the team will be built up instead of wrecked still further, has revived interest in the fortunes of the club.

Furthermore, this is an "on" year in baseball. Last season was different. Baseball interest then was at low ebb. Now it's at flood tide. And everything looks rather rosy for the new owners of the Cleveland club. The acquisition of Speaker hasn't given Cleveland a pennant winning look. But it has strengthened the aggregation and imbued it with the fighting spirit.

Cleveland Deserves Winner.
Cleveland fans deserve a pennant as a reward for their loyalty for more than a generation. The Ohio city first secured a National League franchise back in 1872. With the exception of five years—between 1884 and 1889—it has been in one or the other of the big leagues. Yet never, over that sweep of time, has a pennant flag waved over its park.

The Ohioans have sent over 30 entries into the big league races—and none ever came back a winner. Each springtime has found the Clevelanders with hopes high, but in the end they have been dashed to the ground.

And yet, the Cleveland fans have remained faithful. Twice in modern his-

tory has Cleveland teams been within striking distance of the pennant. And on both of those occasions the baseball enthusiasm in Cleveland swept through the town and practically engulfed it.

The 1908 Disappointment.
Back in 1908 Cleveland lost the pennant by half a game. Had a great catastrophe visited the city the sorrow could not have been greater. The city was in semi-mourning for days afterward. That shows how they take baseball in Cleveland—a town of real fans.

On that day in 1908 when Cleveland was scheduled to play its last two games with St. Louis in the Missouri city, practically all the offices and shops were deserted after 3 p. m. The town congregated before the newspaper score boards to watch the result. Everything was forgotten save that Cleveland had two games to play and that by winning both it would win the highest honors in baseball.

The details of the game were megaphoned. Roars of applause swept through the downtown district every time a Cleveland player performed some valiant deed. But when the final score was posted—the score that showed Cleveland had lost the game and the pennant because Bill Hinchman had loaded on a drive—a moan rolled from every throat.

Vain Hopes of 1912.
Cleveland waited five years—and then another team shot along toward the pennant goal. It was Joe Birmingham's 1912 outfit. Almost until the clubs raced into the October stretch, the Clevelandites held second position, within striking distance of the Athletics. And then they went cast for a home run, hitting in Conway from second base.

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Blackwell, c. 4 2 1 1 1 0

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Sesoms, 1b. 4 2 1 1 1 0

Hale, cf. 4 2 1 1 1 0

Lidewelly, lf. 4 2 1 1 1 0

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Totals. 34 12 24 11 2

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first inning, when Marmen, the first man up, drew a pass and stole second and third. The first inning netted the Aggies three runs.

The "Hi" players made two runs in the second half of the second half, when Gallegos hit over center field for a home run, bringing in Conway from second base.

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KRAKJACK JUNIORS LOSE TO M. D. R. BASEBALL TEAM

The Momen-Dunnegan-Ryan team added another victory on Sunday at Washington park, the Krakjack Juniors being the victims by a score of 8 to 6. Thom and Gallagher composed the battery for the Momen-Dunnegan-Ryan team while Flannigan and Gallagher were on the points for the Krakjack Juniors.

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In Boyland:

ALTA VISTA school has won the championship of the Grammar Schools Baseball League. In the deciding game, played at Rio Grande park Saturday, Alta Vista defeated San Jacinto, 6 to 5, in one of the most exciting contests of the entire season.

The game was witnessed by several hundred youngsters, with a sprinkling of teachers and parents and the crowd in the stands had plenty to make a noise about. And they sure did make the noise. The kids proved the biggest rooters the park has seen in a long time and the usually sedate teachers, at times, could not show good judgment in the paths and the fast work of the Alta Vista infield, notably John Blair at short, resulted in several double plays which deprived San Jacinto of several chances to score.

Blair's work at short was remarkably good for a youngster of his age and he possessed to first in a manner that would have done credit to a Commercial League.

Earl Harvey got through the first three innings without a score against him and fanned several of the Alta Vista sluggers but he "went bad" in the sixth and had to put them straight over the plate. The Alta Vista bats simply landed on the straight ones and laced them all over the lot. Some smart fielding enabled the San Jacinto to keep down the scores, but Alta Vista got three runs in this inning and began to have visions of victory.

San Jacinto started the seventh inning by talking twice, two clean hits and an error and some daring work on the paths giving them the taller. Apparently they had the game clinched but the Alta Vistas again got to Harvey in the last of that inning and hammered out a victory.

Of the two catchers, Flores had a slight edge on Stewart, the former pinging to second to catch runners several times. Errors behind Harvey were costly but the outpouring fanned 12 men in the seven innings. Pollard's work was staidier than that of Harvey and he fanned only eight.

The score by innings follows:

San Jacinto	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Totals
AB.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	100
R.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PO.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Alta Vista—Pollard, pitcher; Stewart, catcher; Hunsom, first base; Hunsom, second base; Graef, third base; Blair, shortstop; Towell, left field; Woodrow, center field; Dorcas, right field; Pollard and Boyd, substitutes.

San Jacinto—Flores, catcher; Stevens, first base; Harvey, pitcher; Dohinger, shortstop; Frank Patterson, third base; Hunsom, left field; B. Patterson, center field; Starr, right field; Young second base.

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School Sports, Juvenile Sports, Boys' Amateur Sports, and News and Gossip of the "Future Graceland"

BY "BECK"

TEXAS RED SOX reports another victory over the Alexandrias by a score of 16 to 7. The Red Sox propose to change their names to Chandlers to get in line with the new "fever" of automobile names for junior baseball teams. Games with teams averaging 12 years of age and 55 pounds in weight are wanted by the Chandlers. John Ledbetter is the manager and he can be reached by phoning 2588.

The Dorts whipped the Saxons, 23 to 1, on Friday afternoon, according to a report from the former team. The game was played on the Bailey school grounds.

Following is the lineup of the Dorts: E. Myers, c.; R. Tatum, p.; Ben Sheneley, 1b.; M. Bonilla, 2b.; shortstop not reported.

Games with the Dorts can be arranged by calling M. Bonilla at 2052-W.

While the game between the Myers team and the Feldman Juniors broke up in the seventh inning, when the Aggie players were using unlimited new players, the Myers team claims a victory by a score of 8 to 5.

Following was the lineup of the Myers: H. Stanley, p.; B. Barnett, 1b.; Ed Gestler, 2b.; Gillespie, 3b.; O. Cornwall, cf.; L. Gillespie, rf.; W. Roe, lf.

Coast To Have Many Harness Races

Western College Adds Golf To Course

San Francisco, Calif., May 1.—All rumors that there was a possibility that no sulky races would be held in Sacramento were quashed when the board of directors of the state agricultural society, at a meeting recently held, voted an appropriation of \$20,000 for the state fair light harness meet.

This appropriation does not include the facilities and state features.

There will be seven days of racing, beginning September 2 and ending September 2. The program of events will be announced as soon as it is completed. In view of the appropriation and the special prizes to be offered the aggregate of the purses will be larger than in 1914, when the last state fair was held.

Following immediately on the heels of the announcement from Sacramento, the committee from the Sonoma County Agricultural society and the Pacific Coast Trotting Horse Breeders' association have definitely decided to take the breeders' meeting to Santa Rosa this season, August 7 to 12 were selected for the harness races.

Other points which are likely to name dates in the near future are Dixon, Pleasanton, Fresno, Hanford and Woodland.

These positive announcements have had the effect of putting renewed life into the game as horsemen have been unwilling to start their training work until they were assured that there was some objective. Local tracks again are scenes of active preparation and it is likely that a big entry of trotters and pacers will be turned in.

While it has been stated that the University of Washington eight-oared crew will not make a trip across the continent to participate in the Fough-keeper's intercollegiate regatta, there is a persistent rumor to the contrary that the crew will be downed. As a matter of fact it would occasion no surprise in rowing circles, if later in the season the announcement is made that the trip will be undertaken.

There is said to be no particular objection raised by the college authorities against the crew making the trip. The business men of Seattle are reported to be enthusiastic in the matter and are said to be willing to put their hands in their pockets to help defray the expenses in the event that the question of finances comes up.

The constantly growing recognition which is being accorded the game of golf as an excellent means of outdoor exercise is reflected in the order issued by the faculty of the University of Washington, adding this pastime to the list of sports from among which the young women of the institution are obliged to select as part of the required course.

Regular credits will now be awarded in golf in the department of physical culture which it is necessary for them to pass in conjunction with their regular class work. The list of women's sports is under the direction of the gymnasium department.

Crew, baseball and track work have been on the schedule for a number of years, but golf is a departure.

Two matches a week are necessary for the women to secure credit in golf in their pursuit of the University of Washington. The matches will be opened to the co-eds for matches on regular days each week.

It has been stated that a very large proportion of school and college boys

RAILROAD TEAMS HAVE A BATTLE

Fifth Floor, Backed By Fair Rooters, Win From the Sixth, 14 to 6.

The celebrated battle between the star baseball players of the fifth and sixth floor staffs of the E. P. & S. W. auditor's department took place at Rio Grande park on Saturday afternoon, when the fifth floor team was returned a winner by a score of 14 to 6. The fact that the score was not larger was due to the fact that the players found it a mighty long way around the paths.

Howard Rix went on the mound for the fifth floor and Howard was in deadly earnest with his pitching. However much out of running condition the sixth floor men were, they sure had their battling eyes and they hammered Howard's delivery in approved style.

The stenographers from the fifth floor were out in force and the players from that floor gave the girls credit for the victory, for the fair fans sure did some rooting. Howard Rix, L. M. Coyne and Max Roberts all got home runs. Miller worked a little over four innings for the sixth floor but was driven to cover in the fifth. Rix fanned 15 men.

Vic Drew held the indicator and gave his decisions in a manner which plainly said they were not to be questioned. A. J. Ferro, who used to call the balls and strikes in the Commercial league, announced himself as manager of a ball team representing the first four floors of the railroad building and issued a challenge to the sixth floor for a game next Saturday.

"I want to have my team practice on the sixth," said manager Ferro, "and then we'll just walk into the cheap bunch from the fifth floor and wallop them good. I know mighty well that we can beat the fifth. Maybe Amarillo

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who might have been stellar performers in the various branches of athletics are lost to the athletic world for the reason that they never have attempted to ascertain whether or not they were possessed of the latent ability.

Coach Tom Fitzpatrick of the East high school of Salt Lake City has evolved a plan whereby he hopes to bring out these embryos stars. To accomplish this he has issued an order that all students report to him for athletic work and failing to do so, must be prepared to give a reason for their non-appearance.

Fitzpatrick says that at least 70 per cent of the students in the school should be able to report. The coach believes that every able bodied student can afford to spend at least one-half hour practice daily on track work and that it stands to reason that they cannot know what ability they have unless they try out.

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